

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Final POLREP

Morgan Oil Gasoline Fire and Spill
207 Bremont Street, Nacogdoches, TX
Latitude: 31.6035300
Longitude: -94.6599900

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	1200
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:	12/1/2004	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	12/1/2004	NPL Status:	
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #:	
RCRIS ID #:		Reimbursable Account #	
FPN#	E05603		

Site Description

On 1 December 2004, EPA was notified of a gasoline fire at an oil distributor located at 207 Bremont St in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas. The potentially responsible party (PRP) is Morgan Oil Company. According to PRP representative Doug Jordon, a worker arrived at 0400 hours to transfer gasoline to a tanker truck and noticed a fire in the fuel loading rack area. The fire spread to the tanker truck and nearby facility office. An undetermined amount of gasoline was consumed by the fire. Jordan estimated 500-3000gal was consumed. The runoff from the facility flows into an unnamed creek which flows into Bonita Creek. No injuries were reported. The local fire department evacuated 3 families and road closures along Main Street prevented businesses and city and county offices from opening until approximately 1000 hours.

Current Activities

On 1 December 2004, EPA representatives mobilized to investigate the incident. Upon arrival, the City of Nacogdoches Fire Department was on-scene and the fire was extinguished. The Fire Department Chief reported that the fire was contained by 1030 hours and was extinguished by 1300. The Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Deputy City Manager were also on site. EPA representatives observed foam from the fire fighting efforts in the nearby creek, but did not observe a petroleum sheen. An earthen dam was constructed by the City downstream from the incident and approximately 25 sorbent booms had been placed in the creek. The PRP contacted Garner Environmental to conduct site clean up activities. At 1720 hours Garner arrived on site with 3 vacuum trucks. TCEQ coordinated with the PRP and Garner to mitigate the site. EPA aided TCEQ in sampling of soil and surface water.

Next Steps

PRP-led contractor will continue to coordinate with TCEQ to clean up the site and collect runoff.

Key Issues

Texas Parks and Wildlife representatives reported a fish kill in the unnamed creek. An estimated 50 fish and aquatic fauna were collected by TPW representatives. The incident occurred near a Union Pacific Railway spur, visual assessments by UP employees reported no damage and the railway remained open.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				

Intramural Costs

Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
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* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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